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Register At Jo Ann's For Christmas Gifts

Jo Ann Mahalitc, owner of Jo Ann's Dept. Store in Eagle Lake, invites citizens of the area to come by for a visit during the pre-Christmas season and to register, without obligation, for valuable prizes to be awarded at 11 a.m. on Wed., Dec. 24th.

Included among the prizes will be a $100 gift certificate and second and third prizes will be valuable Christmas gift merchandise items.

Reds' Pitcher Tom Seaver Has Successful Goose Hunt In Area

Ace Cincinnatti Reds pitcher Tom Seaver was firing bullets in the Eagle Lake area during the past week and he wasn't doing it on the baseball diamond. The all-star hurler and several friends from the New York area and Houston were testing their skills at goose hunting with Marvin Tyler's Blue Goose Hunting Club last Thursday and Friday and are shown above with a few of the 39 geese they bagged during the two day hunt. Bringing in the big kill were: [bottom row, l. to r.] John Waynewright of New York City, Mike Mentor of New Jersey, Edsardo Urcuys of Houston and Bob Lawrence of New York City; [standing, l. to r.] Seaver who makes his home in Connecticut, and Blue Goose Hunting Club guides Bernard Mach and John Naiser.

Duck Season Re-Opens Sat.

The second portion of the 1980-81 duck season will open at one-half before sunrise this Saturday, Dec. 13th and ducks and geese will remain in season through Sunday, January 18th, 1981.

The first half of the duck season ended on Nov. 30th, however all geese continued in season and will remain in season through Jan. 18th.

The limit on ducks continues on the 100-point basis. The possession limit is the number of ducks that would be legal in two days of kill.

Season is closed on the fulvous tree ducks, black-bellied or whistling tree ducks.

Canvasback ducks are 100 point birds. Hen mallards, mottled ducks (black mallards) hooded mergansers and red-heads are 70 point ducks.

Bluewing teal, greenwing teal, cinnamon teal, pintails, gadwalls, scaup, shovelers (spoonbills) widgeons and mergansers, other than the hooded variety, are 10-point birds. All other duck species including the greenhead drake mallard are 20 pointers.

The limit on geese is six, but the daily bag limit can not include more than one dark (Canadian or Speckled Bellied) goose. The possession limit is two days' kill or a maximum of two dark geese and ten snows or blues.

Woodcock remain in season from Nov. 15 through January 18th with a daily bag limit of 5 and possession limit of 10; and Jacksnipe are in season through Feb. 15th with a daily bag limit of 8 and possession limit of 16.

Quail are also in season and remain in season through Feb. 15, 1981, with a daily bag limit of 12 and possession limit of 36.

Shooting hours for migratory birds are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Deer Season Continues

Also the deer hunting season continues in Colorado County with a limit of one buck (including a spike) and two does, but the antlerless deer may be killed only through a special permit issued to landowners in two designated areas of the county.

Deer continue legal in this county through Sunday, January 4th, 1981.

BOWLING

Skull Creek Mixed

Skull Creek Lanes set the pace for the bowlers in the Skull Creek Mixed League in action Dec. 2nd with a 880-2466 series. Mano Graham led the men's scoring with 233-215-241-689 and Margie Knippel led women's scoring with a 183-538. Jimmy Simpson posted a 510, Willie Moore 528, Ben Castillo 215-234-648, Larry Rothbauer 202-561, Erwin Knippel 212-207-603, Billy David 514, Curtis Ham 538, Don Morrison 502, Ottis Coleman 540, Floyd Spenrath 506, Leroy Janda 223-573; Gus Seaholm 529.

Catfish Farmers lead the league with 41 wins followed by the Woolly Boogers with 38, Skull Creek Lanes 35½, Hip Shots and Night Stalkers are tied with 32 each, What Can I Say has 30 and Royals 27½.

Initial League

Lake Motors is ahead by 2½ points with 233½ in the Initial League at Skull Creek Lanes on Thurs., Dec. 4. Skull Creek Lanes is in second with 231, Imps in third place with 230½, Weimar Lites in fourth with 207½ and in last place with 204½ is J. F. Miller Ford.

In top team series, Skull Creek Lanes scored a 2907 and J. F. Miller Ford made top team game with 1027. Mano Graham scored a 245-650 to take the men's game and series. Other top scorers were Larry Rothbauer 209-572, Gus Seaholm 557, Jim Miller 553, James Dahse 557, Draper Stephens 529, Freddy Pelts 528, Lee Briscoe 210-524, Elroy Jentsch 512, Glen Lecklier 512, Jack Holden 212-507, and Raymond Thomas 501.

Commuters League

In the Commuters League in action on Thursday, Dec. 4 the Gutter Lovers and Low Rollers tied for high team series with a 2182 and Low Rollers made top team game with 785. Suzanne Peikert made high individual series with a 207-552 and Elaine Sonntag scored 212-527 for high individual game. Other high scorers were Charlene Morrison 202-516 and Laverne Criswell 513.

Sheridan Drilling Co. is in first place with 40 points. In second is the Low Rollers with 39, Baumgart Ins. in third with 32, in fourth Fireballs 30½, in fifth is Schlitz Beer 28, Gutter Lovers with 26½ is in sixth, Grim Reapers in seventh with 24½, High Rollers with 22 in eighth, Scott's Snack Shack 21½ in nineth, Marek's in tenth place with 19, Mohats in eleventh with 16, and in last place is Winton Drive Inn with 15.

Moonlighters League

Sandbaggers hold a five game lead in the Moonlighters League at the Sealy Bowling Palace with a total of 37 wins, followed by J. C. Quartet with 32, K.C.'s and Webb's Electronics are tied for third with 31 each and J. B. Trojans are fifth with 29½.

In the action Dec. 4th, high team honors went to the J. B. Trojans for scores of 712-2098 and Les LeBouef had high individual scores with a 243-593. Other high scorers were Ben Castillo 557, Bennie Miller 528, Terry LeNorman 204-522, Steve Almanza 203-510, Brice Stephens 209 and Thurston Webb 208.

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District 22AAA Results

around the league

Waller Bows Out Of State Playoffs Losing To West 7-6

The Waller Bulldogs were knocked out of the state playoffs during Class AAA quarterfinal action last Friday night, losing to the West Trojans 7-6 at Kyle Field in College Station.

Waller, co-champion of Dist. 22AAA along with Rice High School, was knocked out of the Class AA State playoffs in quarterfinal action last year.

The Bulldogs trailed 7-0 after the first half action that was dominated by West. But the Bulldogs moved to the Trojan 18 before being stopped on their first possession of the second half and were successful on their second possession scoring on a 56 yard, 10 play drive when Byron Johnson carried in with 10:03 left.

Tied in penetrations and first downs, Waller went for the tie but Bubba Phillip's kick was wide leaving Waller behind 7-6. Waller retained possession only one more time in the game but had that drive stopped on fourth down when Johnson was stopped just inches short of a first down.

West now advances to the State semifinals and will meet Van Vleck this Friday at 8 p.m. at Kyle Field in College Station.

Van Vleck tied Port Isabel 0-0 last Friday but advanced on a 2-1 edge in penetrations. Port Isabel failed to convert a fourth down attempt at the Van Vleck 21-yard line with 20 seconds remaining. If Port Isabel had made 1 more yard to the 20, it would have tied the penetrations at 2-2 and Port Isabel would have advanced to the semifinals because of an advantage in first downs.

Port Isabel was also stopped at the Van Vleck 22 in the first half, falling 2 yards short of a tying penetration.

Port Isabel had knocked Edna out of the playoffs two weeks ago in Regional playoff action.

The other Class AAA semifinal has Stamford (a 26-11 winner over Littlefield) meeting Pittsburg (a 28-0 winner over Decatur) this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Clark Field in Fort Worth.

In Class 4-A, Huntsville will challenge Paris at 3 p.m. Saturday in Baylor Stadium for the State Championship. Huntsville, trailing 10-0 to Bay City with just over three minutes left to play last Friday, rallied for two touchdowns to reach the finals.

In Class 2-A, Tidehaven kept its championship hopes alive with a 14-0 win over Woodsboro in quarterfinal action. The Tigers will play Forney this Friday night in semifinal action in Bryan at 8 p.m. Rotan and Pilot Point meet in Jacksboro this Friday at 8 p.m. in the other Class 2-A semifinal contest.

Columbus Boys Take First In Gonzales Basketball Tourney

The Columbus Cardinals, who lost in the first round of the State Class AA tournament in Austin last year, are off to a good start this season having won the championship of the Gonzales High School Tournament last weekend.

Coached by former ELMS coach Mike Benedict, the Cardinals knocked off Lockhart 49-43, Bastrop 53-51 in overtime and in the finals edged Gonzales 40-37. All three opponents were Class AAAA competitors.

Three Cardinals were named to the all-tournament team following the championship game including Todd Baumgart, Kenneth Johnson and Thomas Toliver. Johnson led the Cards with 11 points and 17 rebounds in the semifinals with four other players scoring eight each. Toliver led scoring for the Cards in the finals with 21.

This weekend the Cardinals will compete in the Royal Tournament meeting Class 4-A Navasota in the opening round. Columbus is now 4-2 on the season with both losses coming against El Campo.

Kendleton Wins E. B. Tourney

The East Bernard Brahmas hosted their annual boy's basketball tournament last weekend with Kendleton winning championship honors.

The Brahmas lost to Boling in the opening round of the event and then topped Round-Top Carmine. But in the Consolation game they lost to Northwest Academy of Houston. East Bernard, coached by David Rives, has compiled a disappointing 1-6 record following action last weekend which includes losses to Kendleton, St. Thomas of Houston, Wharton and Royal. This weekend the Brahmas will play in the Danbury Tournament.

Leading the Brahmas this season are 6'3" senior Mike Black, a second team all-district performer last season, 6'3" senior Glyn Slay and junior guard David Dusek.

Brazos Cons. another Dist. 22AAA competitor also participated in the East Bernard tournament and beat Northwestern Academy in the opener then lost to Kendleton and St. Thomas. Brazos is now 3-4 on the season.

ELMS 8th Grade Boys In Rosenberg Tour. This Weekend

Lots of tournament action highlights both the past and present weekends for the Eagle Lake Middle School basketball teams.

The seventh grade Raiders finished fourth in the George Jr. High School Tournament held in Rosenberg during play last weekend and this weekend the eighth graders will be participating in the Eighth Grade Division of that tournament.

The eighth grade Raiders coached by Freddie Armstrong, open play in the event against Sugar Land "A" at 6:00 p.m. Friday. If they win they play at 1:30 p.m. Sat. and if they lose they play at 10:30 a.m. Sat. against the winner or loser of the Lamar vs. Damon contest.

Finals for the tournament are slated for 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Other teams participating are George, El Campo, Sugar Land "B" and Wharton.

In the tournament last weekend the seventh graders were led in scoring by Donald Spears and Dennis Hemphill.

Starters for the Raiders were Spears, Bryan Wiese who turned in some good defensive play and led in assists, Cleveland Scott who led in rebounding, Gary Spates and Cornell Hurd. Other top players were James Long and Hemphill.

Back The Raider Cagers

ELMS 7th Girls, Boys In H'ville Tourney

The Eagle Lake Middle School seventh grade boys and girls will take part this weekend in the Huntsville Tournament which gets started on Friday morning and ends Saturday evening.

Coach Vivian Rollins will send her Raider girls' team into first round action on Friday afternoon against Kenedy starting at 3:45. A win by the Raiders would put them in the semi-finals on Saturday morning at 9:00.

The seventh grade boys, coached by LaNoal Eschberger, open action on Friday afternoon also, just prior to the ELMS girls game at 2:30 and will also be playing against Kenedy.

Girls In Wharton Thurs.

This Thursday both the seventh and eighth grade girls will be playing in Wharton with games starting at 5:30 and 6:30.

Seventh Graders Fourth

Last weekend the seventh grade Raiders, coached by LaNoal Eschberger, won their opening round game in the George Tournament over El Campo 28-21. But in the semi-finals the Raiders, trailing 25-21 after three periods, lost to Sugar Land 37-27.

In the battle for third place the Raiders lost to the host George team and lost 41-15. Leading scorers in the three games were Donald Spears with a total of 36 points and Dennis Hemphill with a total of 21.

Garwood Hosts Sheridan In Basketball Action Thursday

The Garwood Raiders will host the Sheridan Raiders for a pair of games this Thursday night at the Garwood School gymnasium.

Both teams made good showings during the past weekend in the Shiner Tournament and action in the friendly rivalry this Thursday is expected to offer some exciting competition. The girls will open the action playing at 4:30 and the boys will battle at 5:30 p.m. Most of the boys played together on the Garwood-Sheridan football team while the girls combined to lead the cheerleaders and cheering section.

Sheridan Girls Win Consol. In Shiner Tour.

The Sheridan Raider girls won Consolation in the Shiner Tournament last weekend.

They opened play on Friday losing to Schulenburg "A" 27-5. Bertie Garcia with 3 and Anna Soto with 2 accounted for the scoring. In the Consolation bracket the Raiders met Schulenburg "B" and won 17-8. Beckie Kutzer with 7, Garcia with 6 and JoNelle Snyder with 4 did the scoring.

In the consolation game Sheridan defeated Weimar 20-11. Snyder with 8, Kutzer with 6, Garcia with 4 and Vickie Darden with 2 accounted for the scoring.

Boys Lose Consolation

The Sheridan Raider boys opened the tournament with a tough 39-18 loss to Schulenburg "A" but bounced back to beat Schulenburg "B" 39-20.

James Williamson and Pecos Cobble each had seven against "A" with Williamson leading the scoring with 20 points against "B". Jon Wunderlich aided the victory over "B" with eight points with Jimmy Botard adding 7 and Mickey Reinhardt and Dennis Zbranek 2 each.

In the game for consolation Sheridan lost to Garwood 37-30. Leading scorers were Williamson with 15 and Cobble with 10.

Both Raider teams, according to coach Bennie Machac, turned in some fine play. They travel to Garwood this Thursday and will host St. Anthony's of Columbus on Wednesday of next week in the final action before the Christmas holidays.

★★ Sports ★★

[Jeff Fruka, Sports Editor]

Register Now For Dec. 20th K. of C. Free Throw Comp.

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus, Council No. 4843, will once again sponsor a Basketball Free Throw Championship. Competition is open for boys and girls 11, 12, 13, and 14 years old as of November 1, 1980, and anyone in these age groups is invited to register for competition. The Free Throw Championship will be held at the Eagle Lake Middle School Gymnasium beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20th.

Once again this year's Free Throw Championship is being sponsored on a nationwide basis after being initiated in 1975. The local winners will advance to the District Championship in January, to the Regional Championship in February, and to the State Championship shoot-offs in March.

The Eagle Lake council will provide trophies to the first place winner in each of the eight categories. The second and third place winners will receive medals.

Registrations are now being taken at the Eagle Lake Middle School or the Headlight office until Friday, Dec. 19th. A parent or guardian is required to sign the application.

Each contestant will be allowed 15 free throws from the foul line. Those winning contestants reaching a tie will progress to a second round of 5 free throws.

First place winners in each of the four categories for boys and girls will advance to the district competition where each contestant will be allowed 25 free throws. In the regional and state competitions, contestants will also shoot 25 free throws to determine winners on that level.

The local competition will be directed by Rick Arlitt, Youth Committee Chairman of the KC's. He urges all youngsters of the ages 11 through 14 to participate.

Garwood Girls, Boys Place In Shiner Tournament

The Garwood Raider boys captured the Consolation trophy in Shiner's tournament losing to Weimar 45-23 in the opener, beating Shiner "B" 33-15 and then topping Sheridan 37-30 for the Consolation win.

Nelson Dabney was the top scorer in the tournament for Garwood with 29 points with Robby Pavlu and Zelton Tedder scoring 20 each. Tedder and Doug Baumgarten led in rebounding with a total of 25 each.

The Raiders, according to coach Mike Michalka, had a chance to win the contest trailing 17-15 at half but "fell apart" in the second half while Weimar used a successful fast-break to lead them to the 45-23 win.

Girls Win 2nd

The Raider girls, also coached by Michalka, won their first two contests, beating Weimar 21-18 in the opener and Flatonia 12-10 in the semifinals. But in a hard fought see-saw battle the Raiders lost a high scoring game to Shiner 35-33.

The Raiders trailed at half of the championship game 18-13 but pulled ahead 26-25 in the third period. The two teams traded the lead several times in the final period with Shiner scoring the final and deciding basket with just seconds left to take the win 35-33. The Raiders missed several chances to run away with the game but hit only 5 of 17 free throws.

Kristine Carpenter led scoring in the tournament for Garwood with 12 points. Renee Perdue had 17, Faye Shorter had 14 and Rachele had a total of 13. Shorter led in rebounding with 24 with Perdue leading in steals with 16.

Coach Michalka had high praise for both Garwood teams indicating that good hustle and good team play helped lead to the successful outings.

After action this Thursday the Raiders are off until after the Christmas holidays.

Raider Girls Take 2nd In Tough Katy Tourney

Lose In Finals To Baytown Sterling Last Saturday

The Rice Raider girls made an impressive showing during the past weekend taking second place among a tough field of higher classified schools in the Katy High School Basketball Tournament.

The Raiders, coached by Reuben Wunderlich, knocked off Klein Forest 54-40 in the opening round and whipped Baytown Lee 53-38 in the semi-finals. But in the championship game Saturday night the Raiders fell to Baytown Sterling 52-36.

Raiders Win Two

In the opening rounds of the tournament the Raiders got good all-around play in knocking off Klein and Lee. Y. McTear totalled 38 points and 14 rebounds and hit 9 of 11 free throws in the two first round games. Joyce Clayton, who hit 5 of 7 free throws in the first game, had a total of 33 points against Klein and Lee.

Sharon McTear was another standout with 13 points and 5 assists in the Klein Forest game and in the Baytown Lee game other top players were Bluntson and Becak, combining for 13 rebounds and Patricia Banks with six assists.

In the finals of the Katy Tournament, the Raiders trailed 23-21 at half but saw Baytown Sterling pull away 39-24 in the third period. Rice managed to hit only 4 of 22 free throws in the game which proved costly in the 52-36 loss. Yolanda McTear was the top player for Rice in the game with 13 points, six rebounds and five steals. Mabel Bluntson added eight points and six rebounds with Mary Ann Becak scoring six points and Patricia Banks handing out six assists.

Open Play In Victoria Tourney Thursday, 6:30 PM

This weekend the Raider girls will be back in tournament action competing in the Victoria High School Classic. Rice meets the host team Victoria Stingarees at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in a very tough opening round matchup. Finals of the tournament are slated for 8:00 p.m. Saturday.

A win by Rice in the first game would put them in the semi-finals against either Calallen, Sweeny or Calhoun at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Should the Raiders lose they would play at 5:00 p.m. Friday. Other teams in the tournament include Stroman, Hallettsville, Bay City, El Campo and Temple.

Host Royal Men.

On Monday of next week the Raiders will be back at home hosting the Royal Falcons for three games beginning with the freshman game at 5:00 p.m.

Raiders Beat Yoakum Mon., Record Is 7-1

On Monday night the Raider girls upped their record to an impressive 7-1 with an easy victory over Yoakum.

Besides the varsity win, the freshman and junior varsity teams were also victorious.

In the opener on Monday it was the Raider freshman team edging the Yoakum frosh 43 to 33. The Raiders held on to a slim one point lead at half but managed to pull ahead 36 to 23 after the third period and coasted in for the win. Pam Banks with 20 and Sheryl Hemphill with 18 were the top scorers in that contest.

Angie McGrew poured in a game high 18 points to lead the Raider junior varsity past Yoakum 28 to 22. The Raiders overcame a cold shooting first quarter that ended with Rice trailing 4-2 to pull ahead 16-9 at half. The Raiders held on to that lead through the remainder of the game to get the win.

In the varsity contest the Raiders ahead in the first period of play but managed a 10-10 tie. The Raiders came to life in the second quarter pulling to a 26-14 lead behind some excellent defensive play and good rebounding to take a 26 to 14 lead at half. Rice pulled ahead 44-22 in the third period and with everybody seeing action in the final period the Raiders went on to win 54-39. Mabel Bluntson pumped in 16 points to lead Raider scorers with Yolanda McTear adding 10 and Joyce Clayton and Patricia Banks 8 each.

Raider Boys Trying To 'Turn It Around'

Record Drops To 1-6 With Losses In Tour. And To Bay City Tues.

The struggling Rice Raider boys' basketball team will be looking to turn things around this weekend after getting off to a horrible 1-6 start.

However, things won't get any easier as the Raiders go on the road for two tournaments and two non-district games over the next three weeks before returning to Raider Gym hosting Brenham on Jan. 2nd.

After dropping two straight in the Victoria Tournament (made up of mostly Class 5-A and 4-A teams) and after suffering their third loss to Class 4-A Bay City on Tuesday night, the Raiders must charge into what will probably be their toughest tournament of the season this weekend.

The Raiders, coached by Jack Grammer, will open play in the Alief Tournament this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. against the winner of the Houston Lee and Alief Hastings matchup. A win by Rice would put them in the semifinals at 6:00 p.m. Friday. Finals of the tournament will be played at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. A loss by Rice in the first game would match them against the loser of Sharpstown and Alief Elsik at 1:00 p.m. Friday.

Fifteen teams are participating in the three-day tournament in which Rice is the only Class AAA school. Class 4-A schools include El Campo and A&M Consolidated. The rest are all 5-A schools including Lee, Hastings, Elsik, Sharpstown, Jersey Village, Alvin, Aldine, Aldine Eisenhower, Dulles, Houston Reagan, Lamar Cons. and Houston Washington.

Lose Two In Victoria

In the Victoria Tournament last weekend the Raiders opened play on Thursday morning losing to Victoria Stroman 76-55. Kenneth Bluntson with 19 and Larry Haynes with 15 points led Rice scoring.

The Raiders met Bay City in the Consolation bracket on Friday and lost 54-39. Earnest Fields and David Grammer each had 11 points in that loss.

Loss 3 In Bay City Tues.

The Raider varsity team came close to winning its second game of the season Tuesday night in Bay City, leading by 3 points in the final minute, but three turnovers late in the game made the difference as Bay City chalked up a 75 to 72 victory.

Rice trailed 15 to 26 at the end of the first period and 33 to 39 at halftime. The Raiders got together a good third quarter to forge out front 54 to 51. Coach Grammer reported that the Raiders had a three point lead with a minute to play and had the ball three times inside that minute, but turned it over each time and Bay City capitalized on these turnovers and went ahead 75 to 73 at the final buzzer. Robert Frazier and Vic Davis scored 12 each, Earnest Fields 18, Larry Haynes 11 and Jack Grammer 10 to round out the balanced scoring effort for the Raiders.

In other action Tuesday night, the Rice freshmen lost the opener in Bay City 65 to 35 and the JV dropped an 80 to 50 decision.

In Royal Next Tues.

On Tuesday of next week the Raiders resume their long schedule away from home playing the Royal Falcons in Brookshire. The junior varsity will open play at 6:00 followed by the varsity at 7:30 p.m.

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